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VOICE OF THE EXARCH

Dear All,

Greetings and love to all! Hope, all of you are fine, although we have our own burdens to bear! But we help to “bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ” (Gal 6:12).



Floods in Kerala

We are all saddened by the immense disaster that our home state witnessed last month. Landslides, torrential rains, and flooding has led to almost 500 deaths, and lakhs of people stranded in relief centers having lost their homes, agriculture, animals and personal belongings. The disaster is catastrophic, yet the spirit of our people from all walks of life both within and outside of the state in cooperating with the rescue operations is praiseworthy. Though I was away, my prayers were with all those affected by this calamity and I was constantly in touch with our Protosyncellus Ver Rev Msgr Varghese Mattamana in coordinating the relief works on behalf of our Exarchate. Our Church has proactively responded to this crisis moment by cancelling Reunion Day Celebrations in Kerala, and mobilizing funds to help the needy, opening up Churches and schools to relief operations, and so on. Through the voluntary fund-raising held in our parishes, our Exarchate has also contributed a good amount for the help of the needy brethren in Kerala (details will be given to you in due time, may be in next issue of the EPHREMITES). Our MCYM and MCA members were at Kerala under the banner of SEVA, our social service wing, to take part in the direct rehabilitation works. I appreciate all our Priests, Religious, Parish Councils, Pastoral Council and all our Faithful for rising up to the occasion and giving leadership in raising funds. As per their recommendation we have postponed our Exarchate Convention to November 2019 and cancelled all celebrations for the next two months.

I thank the leadership of Msgr Varghese Mattamana, for not only coordinating our Exarchial Flood Relief Service under the banner of SEVA, but also for helping the CBCI, the Caritas India and our Eparchies in coordinating the relief works with his immense

experience as the former Director of Caritas India. We continue to support in prayer and action for the victims of the flood until normalcy limps back. I also appreciate the great leadership of our youth and the elders who have gone to Kerala to lead the rehabilitation service for the flood affected.

88th Reunion Day and *Sabhasanghamam*

We observe this year the 88 anniversary of the communion of the Malankara Church with the Universal Church. The commemoration decided to be hosted by the Eparchy of Muvattupuzha from 19-21 September 2018 at Muvattupuzha has been cancelled. Let us prayerfully observe these events in our parishes. At the Exarchate level, we will have a commemoration of the event in our Cathedral.

We shall also strive to motivate the St Thomas Christians for Catholic Communion. Wherever the flame of Reunion is flickering, let us strive to keep it burning brilliantly! I am happy to share a thought of our Holy Synod with you. The next 12 years, in the memory of the 12 Apostles, will lead us to the Centenary Year of the Reunion Movement. These will be years of spiritual renewal in the Malankara Catholic Church to keep burning in us the fire of evangelization and the desire to actualize the reunion of all the St Thomas Christians.

The Feast of the Nativity of Mother Mary 8 *Nombu*

A fervent time of devotion and intercession to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus! Let us observe the days from 1-8 September with our usual piety and obtain the grace to grow in holiness in the Lord! I wish you a Happy Feast of Nativity of Mother Mary! May God bless us all! May the Mother of God intercede for the victims of the flood!

I will be participating in our devotions in the parishes of our Exarchate till September 6, after which I join the Malankara Catholic Community in Kuwait for their spiritual and pastoral programmes. I will return on September 14.

Our Projects at Kharsundi Village / Khopoli

Dear All! I am happy to inform you that, the permission for the

construction of our Minor Seminary at Khopoli will be sanctioned soon. So also we will obtain permission for the building of St Mary's School. Pray and cooperate for the completion of the project!

I am glad to note that many of our faithful have happily, voluntarily and generously participated in the common infrastructural needs of our Exarchate, especially for the construction of the Minor Seminary. There is no compulsion for a financial commitment. Let us not be discouraged or saddened or offended by such “announcements” in our parishes! As we all know, nothing is achieved without commitment, sacrifice and hard work. Together, we will achieve our goal. Come on! Let us go ahead!

Universal Call to Holiness

This time, in order to inspire our pastoral and missionary engagements, I would like to share with you a thought on holiness which our beloved Holy Father Pope Francis shares with us through his Apostolic Exhortation *GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE*, *REJOICE AND BE GLAD*, on the call to holiness in today's world. The Holy Father begins his Exhortation with the call of Jesus to those who are persecuted and humiliated for his sake to rejoice and be glad (Mt 5:12). We are called to walk before God and be blameless (Gen 17:1). God invites us: “Be holy, for I am holy” (Lev 11:44). For the Lord has chosen each one of us, “to be holy and blameless before him in love” (Eph 1:4).

The Holy Father again bases his Exhortation on the teachings of the Vatican Council II: “Strengthened by so many and such great means of salvation, all the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord each in his or her own way to that perfect holiness by which the Father himself is perfect” (LG 11). This universal call to holiness, the Pope puts it this way: “I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God's people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile. In their daily perseverance I see the holiness of the Church militant. Very often it is a holiness found in our next-door neighbours, those who,

living in our midst, reflect God's presence. We might call them "the middle class of holiness" (GE 7)

Stressing on, "Each in his or her own way" the Holy Father elucidates, "We should not grow discouraged before examples of holiness that appear unattainable. There are some testimonies that may prove helpful and inspiring, but that we are not meant to copy, for that could even lead us astray from the one specific path that the Lord has in mind for us. The important thing is that each believer discern his or her own path, that they bring out the very best of themselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in their hearts (cf. *1 Cor* 12:7), rather than hopelessly trying to imitate something not meant for them. We are all called to be witnesses, but there are many actual ways of bearing witness" (GE 11).

Each one in his or her own way the Holy Father again encourages us this way: "To be holy does not require being a bishop, a priest or a religious. We are frequently tempted to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from ordinary affairs to spend much time in prayer. That is not the case. We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves. Are you called to the consecrated life? Be holy by living out your commitment with joy. Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church. Do you work for a living? Be holy by labouring with integrity and skill in the service of your brothers and sisters. Are you a parent or grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus. Are you in a position of authority? Be holy by working for the common good and renouncing personal gain" (GE 14).

Do not the papal exhortations encourage us to be holy and perfect before the Lord through our daily life in the world? Do we think that holiness is unattainable? We are also, in our own way, little living saints, at least "with the middle class of holiness", living hopefully and vigilantly to be with the Lord of all holiness, when we pass through death to eternal life!

Let Us Pray for Very Rev. Fr Berchmans OIC

We are all praying for our beloved Berchmans Achan, our former

ETRI Coordinator. From the messages we receive, we are aware of his serious health condition. Our folded hands before the Lord will ameliorate his painful sufferings and enable a speedy recovery.

My October Programme

I returned from Switzerland on August 27 after the pastoral ministry, and in the meantime, after personally visiting some of our benefactors and well-wishers. I apprised them of the progress of our Exarchate and its life. They are happy that we pray for them and I assured them of our continued prayers, especially of our Seminarians. Those of our benefactors who are gone for their eternal reward are fondly remembered in our Holy Qurbano.

I will be, as in the previous years, going to Switzerland a second time for mission appeal in a few parishes in the month of October. I leave on September 28 and will return on October 29, 2018. During this time, Rt Rev. Msgr Varghese Mattamana, our Protosyncellus, as per Canon Law, will take care of the ordinary matters of our Exarchate. I thank him for his leadership during my absence.

Greetings and Blessings

As you know, all our celebrations and conventions are cancelled to aid the flood victims. Though celebrations were cancelled, those from Kerala might have remembered the Onam festival days.

The *EttuNombu* shall be observed, but without any *perunal* festivities. I wish you all, once again, the blessings of the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Greetings for a blessed time ahead! I invoke God's blessing on you and your families together with the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose Feast of Nativity we celebrate on September 8 and St Ephrem, the Patron of our Exarchate! May I be strengthened by your prayers!

Your loving Aboon,

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✠ **Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC**



THE MALANKARA SYRIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
EXARCHATE OF ST. EPHREM
KHADKI - PUNE

APPEAL FOR THE RELIEF AND REHABILITATION OF THE VICTIMS OF FLOOD AND TORRENTIAL RAINS IN KERALA

Dear Rev. Parish Priests/ Superiors of Religious Houses/ Heads of Institutions/Pastoral Council Members and All members of MSCC in the Exarchate of St Ephrem, Pune

Greetings from Pune!

Please refer back to the earlier communication via WhatsApp. As you all know, without much explanation, of the tormenting situation faced by the people of Kerala due to floods, heavy torrential rains and land slide. We have already received an appeal from CBCI as well as from our Bava Thirumeni to support the initiatives back in Kerala from the part of the Church. I personally had a telephonic conversation with Bava Thirumeni regarding the same.

In this context and on behalf of the Exarchate, in consultation with the Exarchial Curia and priests in Pune District, I appeal to each and every member of our Church as well as our friends and well wishers to contribute to this noble cause to our maximum.

I would like to communicate the following decisions taken by the Curia to you all:

- I. Each member must contribute to their level best. A Separate collection must be done in all our parishes and institutions for the same on or by 19 August, 2018.
- II. **Sunday *Kanikka* shall not be used for the same.**
- III. All celebrations like Onam, or Other Cultural programmes which has any financial implications stands cancelled for the next two months.
- IV. All Festal celebrations (*Perunal*) shall be limited to spiritual

activities only for the next two months. (No Processions, Dinners, cracker etc.)

V. All money intended for the above celebrations shall be used for helping the victims in Kerala.

VI. As the Church Level Reunion celebrations has been cancelled as per the letter of Bava Thirumeni, so also all our District level Reunion Day Programmes stands cancelled. However, all our Churches will observe reunion day on the nearest Sunday in the parish level. Exarchate level Reunion Day shall be held in the Cathedral on 20 September.

NB: The cash collected at the parish level will be routed through SEVA (our social service Organization). Those who want tax exemption shall make a separate request and receipt will be issued for the same. In other cases, a general receipt to all our parishes will be issued.

Thanking you and entrusting Kerala to our prayers,

Fr. Varghese Mattamana

Vicar General

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NOTIFICATIONS FROM CHANCELLERY

- A. The Exarchial Convention has been postponed to be held in November, 2019. It has been done in order to completely focus our attention toward mobilizing relief fund for the flood victims of Kerala and express our solidarity with them.
- B. The Exarchial Priests' Meet shall be held on September 19, 2018 at Bishop's House, Khadki, Pune. Further information shall be communicated later.

MCYM News

- a. Rev. Fr. Thomas Bijily OIC has been appointed as the Director of MCYM Mumbai Region.
- b. Rev. Fr. James Charivuparambil has been appointed as the Director of MCYM Bangalore Region.
- c. Rev. Fr. Melwin Mathew OIC has been appointed as the Director of MCYM Pune Region.
- d. Ms. Anju Mathew is the new President of the MCYM Mumbai region. Special Thanks to Mr. Shiju Thomas who served until now as President of Mumbai Region, MCYM



Catechism Department News

The Department conducted the following competitions:

- 1) Best Sunday school opening day
- 2) Best Sunday school day



Separate panels were formed to select the winners. Most of our units conducted both the events with lot of enthusiasm and in a meaningful way. Appreciation goes to all the parish Vicars, Rev Sisters, all the Catechism teachers and the students

Best Sunday School Opening day (conducted in June)

- 1) HENNUR : (Bangalore)
- 2) PADI : (Chennai)
- 3) VASAI : (Mumbai)

Best Sunday School day (conducted in August)

- 1) AYPAKKAM : (Chennai)
- 2) SAKINAKA : (Mumbai)
- 3) THANE : (Mumbai)

Exarchate News**a. Meeting of the Preparatory Committee for Exarchial Convention**

A Meeting to discuss and plan for the Exarchial convention was held on August 18, 2018 at Bishop's House. The meeting was attended by Rev Fathers, Sisters, representatives from across the Exarchate, Committee elected by the Pastoral council, and representatives from Parish councils of Parishes in Pune. Keeping in view the disastrous flood situation in Kerala, the committee with the permission of the Apostolic Exarch decided to postpone the convention to next year. The meeting also planned the support and participation that can come from the Exarchate for the relief and rehabilitation operations in Kerala. It was decided to have a collection on the coming Sunday in all the parishes in Pune and find possibilities to participate directly in rehabilitation process.

b. Reception to Jericho Prayer

Under the auspice of Western Region Bishop's Council-Charismatic Team Jericho Prayer march is travelling across all the dioceses in the region. The march after having finished the visit in the Eparchy of Kalyan reached the Exarchate Cathedral on August 17 at 6 pm. They conducted prayers, delivered talk on the purpose of this journey, Eucharistic adoration and finally Eucharistic procession around the cathedral with blessing in the four corners; this blessing signifies a symbolic blessing of the entire diocese. Fr Joseph Venmanth, Cathedral Vicar received them in to the parish and Msgr Varghese Mattamana welcomed the group on behalf of the Exarchate.

c. Exarchate Relief and Rehabilitation Team

In order to directly help our brothers and sisters in Kerala the youngsters as well as the elders have joined hands under the aegis of SEVA, the social organization of the Exarchate. Primarily the MCYM members backed by MCA members a team of around 60 volunteers from the Exarchate travelled to Kerala on August 24.

Msgr Varghese Mattamana coordinated the event through the social service agencies of Pathanamthitta and Thiruvalla Dioceses. Fr Robin Ettithadathil OIC, Fr Abraham Thanuvelil, Fr James Cheruvuparmbil, Fr Joel Mathew and Fr Philip Pulipra participated in the relief work and did the ground level coordination along with Sr Adarsh DM.

Nirmal Hriday Minor Seminary News

a. Vianney Day Celebration

Seminary family celebrated the feast of St. John Maria Vianney on August 4. The presence of Bethany fathers and Brothers from Bethany Ashram Ramwadi and Kalewadi added colour to the occasion. There was a friendly volleyball match between the minor seminarians and the Bethanians from Ramwadi. After the match all joined for the prayer followed by a short meeting wherein Priests were felicitated. The celebrations ended with the festal supper. It was a good time to build the fraternal bond between Diocesan and OIC brothers.



b. Feast of Assumption and Independence Day celebration

The feast of Assumption and Independence Day was solemnly celebrated in the seminary. Following the solemn Holy Qurbano there was an extempore competition in which Bro. Joseph John, Bro. Kuriakose Thandayimattathil, Bro. Abraham Chathanattu won the 1, 2 and 3 prize respectively for the same and also brothers showcased their talents in the form of cultural programme.

c. Prayer Day and Fasting

Seminarians observed August 17 as a prayer day and conducted Eucharistic Adoration and prayed for all the people who suffer due to the natural calamities in Kerala. They observed a half day fasting and collected the amount of the same to be given to the Kerala CM's Flood Relief Fund.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY



Borivali



Dehuroad



Goa



Hennur



Hyderabad



Kharghar



Sakinaka



Warje



**Sunday School Day,
Vikhroli**



**Sunday School Day,
Vishrantwadi**



**Sunday School Day,
Singasandra**



**Sunday School Day,
Vasai**



**Alumni Meet 2018, MGC
Chennai**



**Reception to Jericho Prayer
March, Khadki**



Hyderabad Padayatra



**Catechism Teachers
Orientation, Mumbai District**



**Preparatory Meeting For
Exarchial Convention**



**Flood Relief Fund Collection
Inaguration**



**Exarchate Volunteers
at Kerala**



**Exarchate Volunteers
at Kerala**



**Pune District
Suvisesha Sangham Meeting**



**Parish Feast, Picket,
Hyderabad**



**Bethany Feast Celebration,
Kalewadi**



**Parish Rededication,
Dehuroad**



Inauguration of Igatpuri Mission



Pickle Making by Mathrusangham, Vasai



Parish Feast, Aurangabad



Parish Feast, Aurangabad



Vianney Day Celebrations, Minor Seminary



Vianney Day Celebrations, Minor Seminary



Priests-Religious Meet Pune District



Parish Retreat, Khadki

Exarchial District News**Mumbai District****District Level Mar Ivanios Padyatra**

The Mumbai District level Mar Ivanios Day celebration was held on July 29, 2018 hosted by St. Mary's Malankara Catholic Church, Kharghar. The Padyatra commenced with the celebration of Holy Qurbano led by very Rev. Msgr Varghese Mattamana. The Mumbai district parishes, Sisters and Priest actively participated in the Padyatra.

St Thomas MSCC, Borivali**a. Parish Suvishesha Sangham**

The Suvishesha sangham members collected Rs. 64,000/- from the parishioners for "Friends of Mission Exarchate of St. Ephrem" and handed over to H.E. Thomas Mar Anthonios on July 1, 2018.

b. Sunday school Day

Sunday school Day was celebrated on August 12, 2018 at St. Thomas MCC Borivali. Sunday school students and teachers actively participated in the Holy Qurbano. Vicar Rev. Fr. Joseph Thomas OIC celebrated the Holy Qurbano. Programme started with Prayer Song, Group Dance and message on catechism was organised.

St. Mary'S MSCC, Kharghar**a. Mar Ivanios Day Celebration**

The Unit level Mar Ivanios Day celebration was held on July 15, 2018 with the memorial Qurbano conducted by Rev. Fr. Saiju Kurien OIC. After the Qurbano, MCYM hosted the Mar Ivanios Celebrations in co-ordination with the pious organisations. The program included a song on Servant of God Mar Ivanios by the MCCL. To check the knowledge on Mar Ivanios we had the Mathrusangam conduct the Quiz Competition led by Usha Moncy. On behalf of the MCA, Prof K.V.Thomas delivered a speech on the life of Servant of God Mar Ivanios. The program was concluded with the importance of the celebration by Rev.Fr. Saiju Kurien.

B. Sunday School Day Celebration

The Sunday School Day Celebration commenced with the Holy Qurbano led by Rev.Fr. Benjamin Vazhayil OIC. Later a meeting was held in which Sunday school students performed different individual and group programs like Songs, Dance, Skit and Mono Act. On behalf of the Sunday School teachers Mrs Usha Moncy delivered a speech on the role of Teacher and Parents in order to bring up the kids in Christ.

St Thomas MSCC, Thane

a. Sunday school day

Sunday School Day was celebrated on August 5 at Thane Parish. The day started with a thanksgiving Holy Qurbano offered for all the students and those instrumental in their faith formation. The students of MCCL led the choir for the Holy Qurbano. After mass, the Sunday School students along with the teachers visited Divya Prabha; an orphanage for girls. The children handed over the gifts and donations and invited them to our church to be part of the celebration. Rev.Sr.Annie (Sister in charge of DivyaPrabha) and Sr. Ann along with the children from DivyaPrabha were welcomed to our Parish. The children jointly took part in the programme which comprised of songs, games and a talk. The entire programme was conducted in Hindi for the understanding of the members from DivyaPrabha.

b. Mar Ivanios Day celebration

Mar Ivanios Day was held on July 15. Alex Ninan delivered an insightful speech on the Spiritual life of Mar Ivanios.

St John the Baptist MSCC, Vasai

a. Fund Raising through Pickle Sale

As part of fund raising for the church building, an initiative to make and sell pickles with the name 'Thanima' pickles was initiated under the leadership of Mathrusangham. The making of Pickles was led by Vasai mathrusangam and with all support from

MCA and MCYM.. The inauguration of the same was carried out by Msgr Varghese Mattamana, by handing over the first bottle of 'Thanima' Pickles to the president of Mumbai region Mathrusangam.

b. Picnic 2018

Vasai parishioners under the guidance of the Vicar and Sister-in charge arranged a get-together cum picnic on Aug , 2018 at Rangoan beach, Vasai. It was a day to remember, one with games, song and physical activities there after a lunch and snacks marked the perfect ending of the day.

c. MCYM: YOUCAT Sessions

Rev. Fr. Thomas Bijily OIC, vicar of Vasai parish and MCYM MUMBAI Director took up the initiative of conducting YOUCAT classes on every second Sunday of the Month for enhancing knowledge and faith.

d. Sunday School Day

Sunday School Day was celebrated on Aug 5, 2018, by a solemn offering of Holy Qurbano and Sunday school students taking initiative in leading the altar services and choir. A Public meeting was arranged after the Holy Qurbano. Rev. Sr. Bhavya SIC gave inspirational message on how Sunday school students should grow in faith and love for Christ. Rev. Fr. Thomas Bijily OIC gave away the prizes for the academic year Sunday school exam winners.

St. Mary's MSCC, Sakinaka

a. Sunday School Day Celebration

Sakinaka parish celebrated Sunday school day on August 5, 2018. Vicar Rev. Fr. Mathew Pallikkunnel celebrated the Holy Eucharist with the special intentions for the catechism students. Catechism students organised a short program after the Holy Qurbano. Rev . Fr. Mathew released the theme of the year "Love, Learn, Live". A group dance performed by the

little kids choreographed by the Sunday school teacher Maya Thomas enthralled the audience. Breakfast was arranged for all the community by our parish committee.

b. Friendship Day Celebration

MCYM members celebrated Friendship day on August 4 with the old age home members of Little Sisters Home. It was a unique way of celebration. The celebrations started with our MCYM members entertaining the inmates with songs. MCYM members also performed some action songs. The day ended with all the MCYM members tying friendship bands to the Old Age home members and donating a small amount as a token of love.

c. MCYM Annual Planner Inauguration

MCYM inaugurated their annual agenda on August 12. The day started with Holy Qurbano by Rev. Fr. Varghese Valikkodath. After the Holy Qurbano, the MCYM Annual Agenda was inaugurated by him. New members were introduced into MCYM by giving them the membership form and a memento as a token of love.

Holy Family MSCC, Vikhroli

a. MCYM Yearly Planner Release

The MCYM Yearly planner release was held on June 17, 2018. Rev. Fr. Mathew Pallikunnel after the Holy Qurbano released the agenda.

b. Sunday School Events

The Sunday School Day was celebrated on the first Sunday of August. After the Holy Qurbano on August 5, 2018, the MCCL students presented a short cultural meet. Rev. Sr. Agnel SIC shared her views on the importance of Catechism in one's life. The day was made enjoyable to all by the talented performances of the kids.

Pune District**Holy Redeemer's MSCC, Kalewadi****a. Visit to Bethany Ashram**

Kalewadi parish youths visited Bethany Ashram, Ramwadi, Pune on July 29 to celebrate Bethany feast with brothers and priest in Bethany Ashram. Fr George Ayyanethu, OIC Rector of the Ashram thanked all the parishioners and later all joined for high tea.

b. Sunday school Day Celebration

Sunday school day was celebrated on Aug 5, 2018. After the Holy Qurbano various competitions were conducted for the Sunday School students. Brothers from JDV and CVB were the Judges for elocution, drawing and painting competitions

c. MCYM Picnic

MCYM organised a One Day Picnic on Aug 4, 2018 to Khandi near Kane Phata and back waters of the Thokarwadi Dam. 40 Youth participated in the picnic.

d. SEVA Food Distribution

On Aug 11 2018 MCYM distributed food packets to the poor and needy people as part of SEVA Food distribution.

St Joseph's MSCC, Dehu Road**A. Rededication of the Grotto and Church**

His Excellency Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Mar Anthonios OIC rededicated the Church and the grotto of Mother Mary and celebrated the Holy Qurbano. After the Qurbano Bishop had a short interactive session with all the parishoners.

b. Bethany Feast Celebration

Parish celebrated Bethany feast on July 29 by felicitating dear Bethanians serving in the parish namely the Vicar Fr. Robin O.I.C, Br. Alex O.I.C, Sr. Jyoti S.I.C, Sr. Jephin S.I.C and Sr. Noel S.I.C for their dedicated service and guidance.

c. Sunday School Day

Sunday school day was held on August 5. Rev. Fr. Robin O.I.C celebrated the Holy Qurbano and the choir was led by the MCCL children. After the Holy Qurbano, a small meeting was arranged wherein children showcased their talents with graceful programs.

St Antony's MSCC Vishrantwadi

Sunday School Day Celebration

The catechism students conducted the reading from the Old testaments. The students came in a candle procession and had an offertory which was followed by the Holy Qurbano. After the Holy Qurbano, the Sunday School Yearly planner was released by Vicar Rev Fr John Achuthamparampil along with Sr. Jyoti. The kids put up an action song. Faith Formation talk was given by Mrs. Merin Dipin.

St. Mary's MCC, Warje

a. Felicitation to Fr. Melwin Mathew OIC

The unit MCYM members felicitated Fr. Melwin OIC with a small present and thus wished him success in all his official duties ahead, owing to his new appointment as the Director of MCYM Pune region.

b. Sunday School Day Celebrations

The Sunday school Day celebrations at Warje was held on August 5. The day started with the Holy Qurbano offered by the parish Vicar wherein students brought their humble offerings to the altar, signifying their total surrender to Christ. A cultural event was organized after the mass, setting a great platform to display each one's versatile talents.

c. Blessing of the Parish Hall

Heavy rains and storms had resulted in complete damage of the Parish hall. The same was reconstructed, blessed and rededicated on August 5 after the Sunday school day celebrations. The parish is grateful to each and every kind-hearted, who helped them

monetarily and also with their sincere prayers in rebuilding the structure.

St Mary's MSCC, Khadki

The parish feast was held from August 5 - 15, 2018. Holy Qurbano was celebrated every day by different priests of the Excharcate followed by MadyasthaPrathana to Mary, Mother of God. A two day retreat was led by Fr. Thomas Valanmanal to facilitate spiritual growth and insights. Solemn Rasa was conducted on August 14 from Cathedral Church to St. Thomas Orthodox Valiyapally Church, Khadki.

St. Mary's MSCC, Aurangabad

Parish Feast

Parish feast was held from August 12 - 15 , 2018. The Holy Qurbano was celebrated in all three rites. Mr. Praveen Varghese conducted a session about family-bonding and parent-child relationship on August 12, 2018. On August 13, 2018 Latin mass was conducted by Rev. Fr Paul George of Aurangabad diocese. Fr. Santhosh Thanuvelil conducted a session on Faith & Youth on August 13, 2018, after the Latin mass. On August 14 Syro Malabar qurbana was conducted by Fr. Shiju of Aurangabad. Parish MCYM led a cultural evening on August 14. On August 15 Fr. Robin Ettitadathil OIC, celebrated the solemn festal Qurbano.

St Ephrem's MSCC, Goa

a. Sunday school Day Celebrations

The Sunday school celebrations began with the Holy Qurbano and followed by that a meeting was arranged to mark the day. The meeting began with the singing of the MCCL Anthem. A short prayer was said for all the Sunday school children and teachers. Achen gave an inspiring talk on the importance of nurturing faith in the tender hearts of children. This was followed by a short cultural programme and snacks.

Bangalore District

St Mary's SMCC, Hennur

a. Sunday School Day Celebration

During the Holy Qurbano children offered their offertories and sought blessings. After the Qurbano Rev. Fr. James came for the assembly and talked about the importance of catechism in the life of our children. Rev. Sr. Shobitha also conveyed her thoughts to our children. After the classes Snacks and sweets were distributed to all children.

b. Sunday School Kalolsavam 2018

Parish conducted its Sunday School Arts Festival in which the off-stage events were held on August 11, 2018 and on-stage events on August 12, 2018.

St John's MSCC, Singhsandra

Sunday School Day Celebrations

Sunday School Day was celebrated on August 5 in a very meaningful manner. The Qurbano was celebrated by Rt. Rev. Fr. Koshy Kakkanatt Corepiscopo. The Sunday school children and teachers brought in offerings. The choir and the altar serving were handled by Sunday school children. After the mass auction was conducted where all the items brought in by children and teachers were auctioned towards Sunday school expenses. The inaugural function started with a prayer song sung by the whole Sunday school children - "this was followed by a cultural programme put up by the Sunday School Students. The Sunday School Report was presented by the Headmistress. The cultural fiesta showcased the various talents of our children. All the children were given prizes for the last academic year.

Hyderabad District

a. Mar Ivanios Padayatra

Mar Ivanios Padayatra was held with utmost passion and faith at Hyderabad. The memorial walk stretching a distance of 11 kms

started from St. Joseph Malankara Catholic Church, Jeedimetla and ended at Mother Mary Malankara Catholic Church, Picket with DhoopaPrarthana. The Padayatra has been a very spiritual experience for the Malankara community in Hyderabad. A total strength of 145 members participated in this Memorial walk.

b. Bethany Feast celebrations

The Malankara community in Hyderabad celebrated Bethany Feast on July 29 Holy Qurbano was offered for the intentions and wellbeing of the Bethanians Priests, and Sisters. Rev. Fr. Shyju Mathew OIC celebrated the Holy Qurbano.

Mother Mary MSCC, Picket

Feast of Our Lady of Assumption

The feast celebrations of Mother Mary Malankara Catholic Church, Picket started on August 12. Holy Mass Qurbano was celebrated by H. E. Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thomas, Bishop of Bathery diocese. 9 kids received Holy Communion on this same day. Prize distribution for the outstanding students in Sunday School and Academics awarded on the same day after the celebrations. The feast stretched for 4 days ending on August 15 with Festal Liturgical Procession on August 14 and Solemn Mass with flag lowering on August 15.

St Joseph's MSCC, Jeedimetla

Sunday School Day

Sunday School Day was celebrated on August 5 this year. Cultural events were held to mark the day. The programs started after the Holy Eucharistic celebrations The program started with lighting the Lamp followed by programs like Bible recitations, action song / dance, Mono act, and Mime presentation by the Sunday School kids.

Mission News

Igatpuri Mission

Igatpuri mission was officially inaugurated on July 27, 2018 with the blessing of the 2 BHK rental flat in Gooty. The blessing was done by Msgr Varghese Matammana in the presence of the Nasik vicar Fr Manu, Sister Suprabha SIC, Fr Benjamin, Mr Sunny Pawath, Mr VJ George, Mr Alex Valavil and Pastor Babu Suryavanshi. Fr Benjamin and Br Vincent are staying in the house and visiting the villages. Presently they visit around 60 families in 7 villages in and around the hills of Igatpuri.

Bapatla Mission

- a. A kindergarten school was inaugurated as part of our growth and social development in Bapatla on July 11. DM sisters with the help of a teaching staff is actively involved in teaching these kids.
- b. Around 25 members from 4 villages in Bapatla attended the Mar Ivanios Padhatrya in Kerala and had the chance to interact with Moran MorBaselius Cleemis Catholicos and get the feel and pulse of our Church.

Kamagiri Mission

- a. The missionaries gave class to the villagers on building strong relationships within a family and also regarding Hygiene. Nearly 100 village elders attended the class.
- b. Fr Stephen Chempakthopp visited the mission. He visited the villages along with the Local Missionaries.

Warje-Bopkhel Mission

- a. The Fourth Sunday Retreat in Hindi in the Warje Parish aimed at Mission was joined by the people in Bopkhel mission. It helped in interaction between the people in the Hindi-Marathi speaking mission in Pune.
- b. A 3 day retreat focusing the Hindi Mission is being held in Warje in connection to the parish Annual Feast on, 4, 5, and 6 September. The retreat is being conducted free of cost by King Jesus Ministry of Bro. Sabu Aruthottiyil. Member of both

Bopkel and warje missions will join the retreat. Preaching, counselling, confession and healing ministry shall take place as part of the retreat.

- c. Every Thursday prayer sessions are being held in Bopkhel Mission. Singing Bhajans, breaking of the word and teaching basic prayers in Hindi and Marathi are progressing.



HAPPY BRITHDAY DEAR FATHERS...

1. REV. FR. STEPHAN CHEMBAKATHOPPU (SEP- 8)
2. REV. FR. THOMAS BIJILY OIC - (SEP-10)



HAPPY FEAST DEAR FATHERS...

- 1 REV. FR. MATHEW THOMAS THAZHETHOTTATHIL (SEP-21)
2. REV. FR. MATHEW PUNAKULAM (SEP-21)
3. REV. FR. MARIA SOBU (SEP- 08)

Important Dates to Note

- 5 : St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta
- 8 : Feast of the Nativity of Mary, Mother of God
- 14 : Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross; beginning of the season of the Cross
- 20 : Malankara Reunion Day

Bishop's Diary

- 01 : Pune
- 06 : Kuwait
- 14 : Pune
- 19 : Priests' Meet, Pune
- 25-26 : NBCLC, Bangalore
- 27 : Germany



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